

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated October 1, 2007. The specification has been amended. No claims have been amended. No new matter has been added by such amendments.

Terminal Disclaimers and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are submitted herewith. Please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for the cost of the Terminal Disclaimers, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and any fees associated with this Response.

The Office Action stated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 22, 2004 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) for not including legible copies of certain non-patent documents cited therein. Accordingly, Applicant submits a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with legible copies of these non-patent documents.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 to 68 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 42 of U.S. Patent No. 6,729,961. For purposes of advancing the prosecution of this application, Applicant elects to overcome such rejection through the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. Such election shall not be deemed an admission as to the propriety or accuracy of the Office Action's conclusions or rejections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 to 68 are now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action provisionally rejected Claims 1 to 68 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 96 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/846,448. For purposes of advancing the prosecution of this application, Applicant elects to overcome such rejection through the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. Such election shall not be deemed an admission as to the propriety or accuracy of the Office Action's conclusions or rejections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 to 68 are now in condition for allowance.

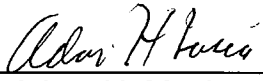
The Office Action provisionally rejected Claims 1 to 68 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 to 104 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/864,784. For purposes of advancing

the prosecution of this application, Applicant elects to overcome such rejection through the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. Such election shall not be deemed an admission as to the propriety or accuracy of the Office Action's conclusions or rejections. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 to 68 are now in condition for allowance.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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